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## Letter: Wesley Bouslog to Opal Valentine Baker, April 12, 1918

Wesley Bouslog

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Dearest Valentine : ~

Received your short & sweet letter today saying that you were feeling better yourself. I thank you for the confession that you are not well. I knew by your letters that you were not. I am a judge of human nature don't you think? In your letters I am accustomed to not only reading your lines but also between them as the expression is often made, that is my imagination reveals that you hold back concerning your health. You are working every day, but I am not sure that you should. I think the suggestion that Perry and your parents made in wanting you to take a vacation of a month and even longer I would say, is a good suggestion and

one which you should very carefully consider.

You say you couldn't think of or stand or be away from your home folks over night. I am sure you could and after the passing of the first few days you would see enjoyment and a great benefit to your health.

Remember you have stood many sorrows, etc that you never thought you could. But you have and you are to be complimented in the manner which you have done so.

You have made a wonderful effort to play the heroine's part and have nobly succeeded thus far.

Day after day I must have for you thanks and deeper appreciation for the interest and thoughts which you have constantly manifested in me. Your daily letter to me has been a source of pleasure, inspiration



and an incentive for me to serve  
my country with heart & soul.  
When this is done, I will have  
a pleasant future in store  
for me. Each letter brings to  
me sweet dreams of a happy  
future and I say that  
sometimes I wonder what  
I would do if it wasn't for  
those letters and the future  
which the picture, a future  
which will be as extremely  
bright & happy as the present  
is dark & cloudy. What would  
I do were something to happen  
to you that they would no longer  
come day by day? Be cheerful  
and happy for my sake, laugh  
and grow fat, enjoy yourself  
in any manner you choose.

I think it would be great  
for you to visit in Illinois,  
Oakville, etc. Get away  
from S. S. for a while for your  
environment there constantly  
recalls incidents that bring  
to you causes for worry, etc.  
Under new surroundings



you would forget much of the  
past. But yourself under new  
surroundings and the new  
attractions thus hold your  
attentions and leaves no time  
for worry. "C." The logic of  
my argument. If you should  
go to the Doctor as you said.  
Go without hesitating."

Health is the most precious  
endowment of a person on this  
earth, so why hesitate when  
the health is endangered.  
Your judgement and decision  
should be to your best interests.

I had a very hard exam  
today but will tell you latter  
as to my grade. Will know  
about next Wednesday but  
I am not worrying for I did  
my best.

Received a letter from  
father & mother today. Saw  
L. G. This eve. He is O.K.  
He showed me a card from  
Jesse which said he was in  
the C. A. C. for the defence  
of New York. That being the

Case, he will remain the the  
U.S.A. As long as he is here  
he is perfectly safe.

Do not flatter me with the  
remark that you knew I  
was smart. I never was  
brilliant but by concentrat-  
ion and hard attention to the  
study concerned I was al-  
ways able to get by. I have  
worked very hard here in  
my work. I intend making  
good at whatever they map  
out for me. If they say you  
must account for ten German  
dogs I intend to try like to d-  
to do it. That's the spirit of  
every American lad and gee.  
You glad I am American  
born, bred and raised.

Tomorrow is fatigue day  
for us again. Don't know what  
we may have to do, but we  
never worry for it is all in  
the interest of the Stars & Stripes  
and those over whom it floats.  
Oh! Yes! I forgot to tell  
you about this weeks weather



Last Sunday we had a  
very hard storm and ever  
since it has been very cool.  
indeed the day here much  
resembling our March weather  
in Indiana. The people claim  
such was never known in  
Florida before.

Rec'd a letter from Luther  
today.

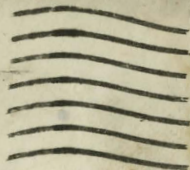
How is Jim? And all the rest?  
I am now at the Y. M. C. A.  
now 9 30 P.M. Lights will go  
out at ~~the~~ 9 45. That is 45-  
min more than we have  
in the barracks so I came here  
to write this letter. "C."

And Dear do not worry for  
I am contented and satisfied  
with no regrets that I am with  
U.S. Take care of yourself and  
dream of the future when I  
will be with you.

Yours.  
Wm.

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